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FOR ASST. SECRETARY THOMAS FROM CALDERHEAD

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MEMBERS OF APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TO MEXICO CITY

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1. THE DEPARTMENT VERY MUCH LOOKS FORWARD TO THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND WILL BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE WHATEVER FACILITIES AND SERVICES MAY BE REQUIRED TO INSURE THE SUCCESS OF THEIR MISSION.

2. EXECUTIVE COUNSELOR WILLIAM D. CALDERHEAD WILL SERVE AS CONTROL OFFICER FOR CODEL SLACK, AND CONFERENCE OFFICER DAVID PATON WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR ARRIVAL COURTESIES, TRANSPORTATION, CONTROL ROOM SUPPORT AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES.

3. THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY: FRIDAY, FEB 18-12:15 P.M.- ARRIVE AT BENITO JUAREZ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN SPECIAL AIRCRAFT. EXECUTIVE COUNSELOR CALDERHEAD AND MR. PATON WILL MEET THE GROUP AND FACILITATE GROUP CLEARANCES THROUGH CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION. THE ENTIRE GROUP WILL BE ESCORTED ON A CHARTER BUS TO THE MARIA ISABEL SHERATON HOTEL WHICH IS LOCATED NEXT TO THE EMBASSY. (DRIVING TIME 40 MINUTES).

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3 P.M.-CHAIRMAN SLACK AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE CALL ON AMBASSADOR JOVA AND DCM THOMPSON AT THE CHANCERY.
3:15-5 P.M.-BRIEFINGS ON DEPARTMENT OF STATE PROGRAMS IN MEXICO. BRIEFINGS WILL SPAN POLITICAL(INCLUDING NARCOTICS) ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL CONSULAR(INCLUDING PRISONER PROBLEM) AND ADMINISTRATION.
7:30-9:30-RECEPTION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. JOVA AT THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE.

SATURDAY, FEB.19-EMBASSY OFFICERS WILL BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP BRIEFINGS ON ANY PROGRAM WHICH MAY BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

4. AS THEIR INDIVIDUAL SCHEDULES MAY PERMIT, MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AND THEIR SPOUSES MAY WISH TO ENJOY SOME OF MEXICO'S CHARMING HOSPITALITY BY FOLLOWING THE AGENDA SUGGESTED BELOW.

11:00A.M.-DEPART HOTEL,DRIVE TO SUTHERN MEXICO CITY TO VISIT THE BAZAR SABADO(SATURDAY MARKET). THIS IS A UNIQUE DISPLAY OF MEXICAN ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS(WHICH ARE FOR SALE) IN A 200 YEAR OLD HACIENDA AND TWO ADJOINING PARKS. IT IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO SEE A COLORFUL ASSORTMENT OF THE BEST IN MEXICAN LEATHER, JEWELRY, ART AND RELATED MISCELLANEOUS HANDICRAFTS.

1:30-DEPART BAZAR SABADO AND DRIVE TO SAN ANGEL INN(10MINUTES).

1:45-4:30-LUNCH AT SAN ANGEL INN. THIS MOST UNIQUE AND MOST FAMOUS OF MEXICO CITY'S MANY RESTAURANTS IS SITUATED IN A 275 YEAR OLD HACIENDA. ADJOINING THE RESTAURANT ARE A ELITE GROUP OF SHOPS FEATURING SOME OF THE FINEST PRODUCTS IN MEXICAN LEATHER AND SILVER. EVENING FREE-IN THE PINK ZONE DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE MARIA ISABEL HOTEL ARE LOCATED SOME OF MEXICO'S BEST RESTAURANTS.

5. ON SUNDAY, FEB.20,9A.M.-DEPART HOTEL BY BUS FOR PALACE OF FINE ARTS.

9:30-11:45-BALLET FOLKLORICO. A COLORFUL AND EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE BY MEXICAN ARTISTS WHO TRACE IN DANCE AND MUSIC MEXICO'S HISTORY FROM ANCIENT TO MODERN TIMES. (REQUEST CONTROL OFFICER HESS TELEGRAPH EMBASSY BY THURSDAY, FEB.17 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WILL WISH TO ATTEND THE BALLET FOLKLORICO. TICKETS ARE USDOLS 7.00 EACH.

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11:45-12:00-RETURN TO HOTEL.

6. IN THE AFTERNOON THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS ONE OF TWO OUTINGS.

OUTING ONE: 1:00-DEPART HOTEL AND DRIVE TO CUERNAVACA, A COLONIAL MEXICAN TOWN 50 MILES SOUTHWEST OF MEXICO CITY. THERE WILL BE TIME TO VISIT THE MARKET AND A SMALL MUSEUM. LUNCH WOULD BE AT LAS MANANITAS,A COLORFUL RESTAURANT BUILT AROUND A FAMOUS GARDEN AND AN ANCIENT MEXICAN HOME.

4:30-5:45-RETURN DRIVE TO MEXICO CITY.

OUTING TWO: 1:00-DEPART HOTEL AND DRIVE TO TEOTIHUACAN PYRAMIDS, AN HOUR AND 15 MINUTES OUTSIDE OF MEXICOCITY. THESE PYRAMIDS RIVAL THOSE OF CAIRO. EN ROUTE, IF DESIRED, MEMBERS MAY VISIT THE BASILICA OF GUADALUPE WHICH IS THE LARGEST RELIGIOUS REDIFICE IN LATINA AMERICA. EVENING FREE.

7. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21-9 A.M.-DEPART HOTEL, DRIVE TO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. 10:00 A.M.- DEPART BY SPECIAL AIRCRAFT FOR ANDREWS AFB.

8. ON THOSE OCCASIONS WHEN ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL PARTY WILL

BE MOVING TOGETHER, THE EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE A BUS FOR CONVENIENCE AND TIMELY TRANSPORTATION. AS NECESSARY, HOWEVER, INDIVIDUAL CARS WILL BE PROVIDED.

9. A CONTROL ROOM WILL BE MAINTAINED AT THE MARIA ISABEL THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE VISIT AND FULL SUPPORT SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED.

10. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE WEATHER IN MEXICO CITY WILL BE PLEASANT. DURING THE NIGHT TEMPERATURES WILL DROP INTO THE 50S BUT BY 9 A.M. TEMPERATURES WILL BE IN UPPER 60'S, AND BY NOON TEMPERATURES WILL BE IN THE MID 70'S. CHANCES OF RAIN ARE SLIGHT. IN THE EVENING A LIGHT COAT MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE LADIES, MEN, FOR THE MOST PART, ARE COMFORTABLE IN MEDIUM WEIGHT SUITS AND WILL NOT REQUIRE TOP COATS.
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